

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed federal activity in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

February 9, 2017 to March 6, 2017

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal zone.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to reissue 50 existing nationwide permits (NWP), general conditions and definitions, with some modifications. The Corps also issued two new NWPs, one new general condition, and five new definitions. The Corps issues NWPs to authorize certain activities that require Department of the Army permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Authorizations apply to activities such as aids to navigation, utility lines, bank stabilization, road crossings, stream and wetland restoration, residential developments, mining, commercial shellfish aquaculture, and agricultural. The NWPs are intended to protect the aquatic environment and the public interest while effectively authorizing activities that have minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment. In addition, it is sometimes necessary to add regional conditions to NWPs to address state water quality standards and to be consistent with state coastal zone management plans. Accordingly, the Corps Norfolk District has submitted regional conditions for Virginia that are applicable to specific NWPs. The NWPs and regional conditions are issued for a period of five years effective on March 19, 2017 and will expire on March 18, 2022. The Corps has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed NWPs, general and regional conditions, definitions, and modifications consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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